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Office Action Summary

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on ____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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DETAILED ACTION

1. This action is in response an amendment filed October 17, 2005. Claims 1 and 62 have been amended. This application is a divisional application of serial number 09/612,354 filed July 7, 2000, now US patent 6,684,722 issued February 3, 2004. Claims 1-71 are pending. Applicant's election of the claims of Figure 4 without traverse is noted. Nonelected claims 11-30, and 57-61 are withdrawn from consideration as readable on the nonelected species of Figures 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 9, 10, 13, 14, and 16. Applicant is asked to maintain a clear line of demarcation between the subject matter of the parent patent application and the instant application. Applicant is asked to list any claims readable on Figure 4. An action on the merits of claims 1-10, 31-56 and 62-71 is included in this Office action.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

2. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

3. Claims 1, 3-10, 31, 37-56 and 71 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Simmons as cited in the previous Office action. Note the plurality of apertures valved by the interrupter 46A. Applicant's remarks were considered, however, not deemed persuasive. Contrary to applicant's remarks, the "selective interrupter" 46 is rotated (see column 7, lines 7+). Such rotation is disclosed "...the dispersal streams from the outer circle of nozzles 82...are

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synchronized....". Simmons discloses that the "...axial rotation of valve element 46A increases the pressure flow in one branch of a dual entry nozzle as it decreases the pressure flow in the other branch...". Contrary to applicant's remarks, this disclosure clearly supports the recitation that "...rotating the selective interrupter proportionally transitions a flow relationship between a first flow path and a second flow path.". No patentable weight has been given to the recitation of "...for use in aircraft..." in that aircraft elements (for example, instrument panel) have not been recited in the body of the claims.

4. Claims 2, 32-36 and 62-70 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by McPherson. Note column 5, lines 1+ and column 6, lines 10+ in which the selective interrupter 75 (i.e., rotatably supported within the valve body) to valve a plurality of apertures and control the pneumatic flow source 65, servo units 109, 111 to control the gyro wheel (on the instrument panel). This disclosure clearly supports the recitation that "...rotating the selective interrupter proportionally transitions a flow relationship between a first flow path and a second flow path.".

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

5. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

6. The factual inquiries set forth in *Graham v. John Deere Co.*, 148 USPQ 459, that are applied for establishing a background for determining obviousness under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) are summarized as follows:

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1. Determining the scope and contents of the prior art.
2. Ascertaining the differences between the prior art and the claims at issue.
3. Resolving the level of ordinary skill in the pertinent art.
4. Considering objective evidence present in the application indicating obviousness or unobviousness.

7. Claims 2, 32-36 and 62-70 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kenyon et al in view of Bernardi as cited in the previous Office action. Kenyon et al disclose the claimed invention except for the recitation of the valve for the gyroscope of Kenyon et al is a rotary multi-way valve as taught by Bernardi. I Applicant's remarks were considered, however, not deemed persuasive. I Contrary to applicant's remarks, this disclosure clearly supports the recitation that "...rotating the selective interrupter proportionally transitions a flow relationship between a first flow path and a second flow path.". Bernardi shows an actuator for a "selective interrupter" 12, 16 in Figure 1. The valve body which is part of the selective interrupter is hollow. It would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to substitute for the valve (Figure 2, lines 19+) as taught by Bernardi et al (Figure 1) in order to provide more effective control of the aircraft pressure actuating fluid (motivation). The patent to Kenyon et al is a pneumatic device and any valve teaching of a fluid (water or air) is readily applicable as a modify teaching of another fluid system.

Conclusion

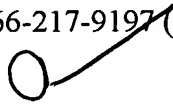
8. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. Patents to Malina et al and McPherson are of particular interest.

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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to A. Michael Chambers whose telephone number is 571-272-4908. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Thur. 6:30am-5:00pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Gene Mancene can be reached on 571-272-4930. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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